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SUMMARY: WE HAVE BEEN IN CLOSE, INFORMAL CONTACT WITH
THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF (I.S.) TO INFLUENCE DEVELOPMENT
OF THE "PRIVATE OFFICE MEMO" (P.O.) IN WHICH SYG LUNS
WILL PROVIDE HIS SUGGESTIONS FOR FOLLOWING UP THE US
DEFENSE INITIATIVES, AND HAVE SUCCEEDED IN LARGELY
REVERSING THOSE ELEMENTS OF HIS APPROACH THAT GAVE RISE
TO THE CONCERNS OUTLINED IN REF D AND IN ADDING FEATURES
THAT WE BELIEVE WILL SERVE TO PROPEL THE EXERCISE IN THE
DIRECTION THE US DESIRES. WE BELIEVE THAT THE
ORGANIZATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS, THUS FAR TENTATIVELY
AGREED, WILL PROVIDE MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY IN SORTING OUT
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PROBLEMS AND PROVIDE THE US THE OPPORTUNITY AT SEVERAL
LEVELS TO INFLUENCE THE COURSE OF THE EXERCISE. THE
I.S. HOPES TO CIRCULATE THE P.O. THIS WEEK, FOR DPC
PERMREPS' DISCUSSION PRIOR TO THE NPG MINISTERIAL.
WE EXPECT TO RECEIVE AN ADVANCE COPY ON A PRIVILEGED
BASIS ON 26 MAY AND WILL IMMEDIATELY TRANSMIT TEXT
TO WASHINGTON. END SUMMARY.

1. WE HAVE BEEN IN CLOSE, INFORMAL CONTACT WITH ASYGS MUMFORD AND LABERGE TO INFLUENCE DEVELOPMENT OF THE P.O. IN WHICH SYG LUNS WILL PROVIDE HIS SUGGESTIONS FOR FOLLOWING UP THE US DEFENSE INITIATIVES AGREED AT THE MAY DPC MINISTERIAL MEETING. WE PROVIDED MUMFORD A DRAFT P.O. THAT WE HAD DEVELOPED BY DRAWING ON THE DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR A STEERING COMMITTEE WE HAD EARLIER FORMULATED (REF A), WASHINGTON GUIDANCE (REF C), AND DISCUSSIONS WE HAD HAD WITH THE SHAPE STAFF. MUMFORD THEN DRAFTED HIS OWN VERSION OF THE P.O., WHICH WE FOUND SOMEWHAT DEFECTIVE IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS, INTER ALIA: (A) REVIEWING, (B) EDITORIAL BOARD, AND (C) NPG.

2. CONSEQUENTLY, WE WENT BACK TO MUMFORD WITH A MELD OF OUR DRAFT P.O. AND HIS, AND SECURED HIS AGREEMENT TO MITIGATE THE SPECIFIC DEFECTS AS FOLLOWS:

- A. REVIEWING. THE P.O. WILL PROBABLY NOT EXCLUDE PARALLEL OR SIMULTANEOUS REVIEW BY THE EWG AND THE MC.
- B. EDITORIAL BOARD. THE P.O. WILL DOWNPLAY SUCH A GROUP BECAUSE OF THE LIKELY NEGATIVE REACTIONS BY SOME DELEGATIONS IN ESTABLISHING AN EXECUTIVE BOARD TO OVERSEE AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. WE THOUGHT IT BEST FOR THE I.S. TO SORT OUT ITS RELATIONSHIPS INFORMALLY.
- C. NPG. THE NPG STAFF GROUP WILL NOT BE REFERRED TO AS A MEMBER UNDER THE EWG.

FURTHER, WE HAVE PERSUADED MUMFORD TO INCLUDE IN THE P.O. CONFIDENTIAL

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A LIST OF THE NINE PRIORITY PROGRAMS (WHICH WILL BE THE US PREFERRED LIST) WITH PROPOSED DESIGNATION OF PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR DEVELOPMENT, FOR DPC PERMREP APPROVAL AT THE MEETING ON THE P.O.

3. MUMFORD HOPES TO BE ABLE TO ISSUE THE P.O. LATER THIS WEEK FOR DPC PERMREPS' CONSIDERATION PRIOR TO THE NPG MINISTERIAL. THE P.O. WILL RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING APPROACH:

- A. THE EWG WOULD HAVE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR OVERALL STEERING OF EXERCISE AND REVIEWING PROGRESS ALONG THE LINES DESCRIBED IN REF A.
- B. THE EWG WOULD MEET SHORTLY FOLLOWING THE NPG MINISTERIAL TO BEGIN WORK.
- C. PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEVELOPING EACH PROGRAM AREA WOULD BE ASSIGNED TO APPROPRIATE NMAS OR CIVIL BODIES.
- D. SEPARATE TASK FORCES WOULD BE ESTABLISHED FOR

EACH PROGRAM AREA UNDER THE EWG, CHAIRED BY A TASK FORCE DIRECTOR (PROGRAM MANAGER), WITH REPRESENTATION AS REQUIRED FROM THE MNCS, THE I.S. AND THE IMS.

- E. TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR EACH TASK FORCE WOULD BE DUE FOR EWG CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL NOT LATER THAN 15 JULY 1977.

- F. THE EWG WILL PRODUCE A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON THE LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM.

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4. WE BELIEVE THAT SUCH ORGANIZATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS WOULD PROVIDE MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY IN SORTING OUT PROBLEMS AND PROVIDE THE US THE OPPORTUNITY AT SEVERAL LEVELS TO INFLUENCE THE COURSE OF THE EXERCISE. THE US COULD MAKE INPUT IN DEVELOPING TASK FORCE TERMS OF REFERENCE (BEFORE THEY GO TO THE EWG) AND SUBSEQUENTLY IN PROVIDING DATA TO TASK FORCE DIRECTORS. US NATIONAL EXPERTS THAT MAY BE REPRESENTED ON TASK FORCES WOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE DATA AND INFLUENCE SUBSTANCE AS WORK UNFOLDS. AT EWG LEVEL, THE US WOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CAST THE VOTE OF ITS AUTHORITIES ON ANY QUESTION BEFORE THE EWG, AND PARTICULARLY IN THE MONITORING PROGRESS.

5. WE EXPECT TO RECEIVE AN ADVANCE COPY OF LUNS' P.O.

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